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## **MEXICAN MAN SENTENCED TO OVER 15 YEARS IN PRISON FOR CARRYING A FIREARM WHILE SMUGGLING DRUGS**

TUCSON, Ariz. – Jose Luis Perez-Lopez, 30, of Caborca, Sonora, Mexico, was sentenced here today to 181 months in prison by U.S. District Judge Frank R. Zapata.

On November, 20, 2003, near Menagers Dam, Ariz., Perez-Lopez was apprehended by a Customs and Border Protection Air Unit while smuggling 5009.85 pounds of marijuana into the United States. Perez-Lopez pleaded guilty on August 29, 2005, to possession with intent to distribute more than 1,000 kilograms of marijuana.

Following a trial, a jury further found Jose Luiz Perez-Lopez guilty of possessing and carrying a firearm during and in relation to smuggling the 5009.85 pounds of marijuana.

The investigation in this case was conducted by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The prosecution was handled by David Petermann, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.

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